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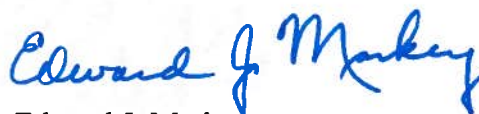
Dear Mr. Rudolf:

Bisphenol A (BPA) is a substance used to make polycarbonate plastic, which is often used to make shatter resistant food containers. BPA is also used in the production of certain coatings for metal food packaging, such as canned containers and metal jar lids, including jars of baby food. Recently, there has been increase in public concern about the health impacts that exposure to BPA may have, particularly for infants and young children, if BPA were to leach from the packaging material and be consumed. As a result of this concern, major manufacturers of baby bottles and sippy cups have completely abandoned the use of BPA in manufacturing these infant and children products. Recently, several companies who manufacture infant formula and baby food have made public statements demonstrating a similar shift away from the use of BPA in these products. To better understand and clarify the nature of this manufacturing change, I respectfully request that you respond to the following questions no later than close of business on December 9, 2011.

1. Does your company currently use BPA in packaging for baby or toddler food? If so, what percentage of your company's baby food contains BPA? What percentage of your company's toddler food contains BPA?
2. For those products that are packaged in materials that contain BPA, please describe the type of packaging that is used (i.e. glass jars with metal lids, plastic containers etc). What percentage of your baby food and what percentage of your toddler food brand is contained in each type of the described packaging?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Avenel Joseph of my staff at 202-225-2836.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 30, 2011

Stephen Golsby
President, CEO, and Director
Mead Johnson Nutrition Company
2701 Patriot Blvd.
Glenview, IL 60026

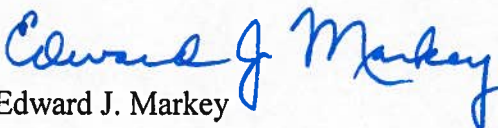
Dear Mr. Golsby:

Historically, epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastic coatings made with the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) have been used in the lining of metal food and beverage containers, including cans of infant formula. Recently, there has been increase in public concern about the health impacts that exposure to BPA may have, particularly for infants and young children, if BPA were to leach from the packaging material and be consumed. As a result of this concern, major manufacturers of baby bottles and sippy cups have completely abandoned the use of BPA in manufacturing these infant and children products. Recently, your company has made public statements demonstrating a similar shift away from the use of BPA in the lining of canned infant formulas.¹ I applaud your company's leadership in announcing such a shift. To better understand and clarify the nature of this manufacturing change, I respectfully request that you respond to the following questions no later than close of business on December 8, 2011.

1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned liquid baby formula? If so, what percentage of your liquid formula still contains BPA?
2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of powdered baby formula? If so, what percentage of your powdered formula still contains BPA?
3. What percentage of your company's infant formula sales are composed of liquid formula?
4. Does your company currently use BPA in packaging for baby and toddler food? If so, what percentage of your company's baby food contains BPA? What percentage of your company's toddler food contains BPA?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Avenel Joseph of my staff at 202-225-2836.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey

¹ Call to Enfamil help center on November 16, 2011: 1-800-BABY123 "In September 2011, the company underwent a shift to new packaging. The cans and can liners of Enfamil products do not include BPA as a component."

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 30, 2011

Joseph Papa
Perrigo Company
Chairman, President, and CEO
515 Eastern Ave.
Allegan, MI 49010


Dear Mr. Papa:

Historically, epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastic coatings made with the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) have been used in the lining of metal food and beverage containers, including cans of infant formula. Recently, there has been increase in public concern about the health impacts that exposure to BPA may have, particularly for infants and young children, if BPA were to leach from the packaging material and be consumed. As a result of this concern, major manufacturers of baby bottles and sippy cups have completely abandoned the use of BPA in manufacturing these infant and children products. Recently, many companies who manufacture infant formula have made public statements demonstrating a similar shift away from the use of BPA in the lining of canned infant formulas. In addition, Kroger, one of the companies PBM Products supplies store-brand infant formula for, has made public statements that they have begun a process to remove BPA in the lining of all corporate brand canned goods.¹ To better understand and clarify the nature of this manufacturing change, I respectfully request that you respond to the following questions no later than close of business on December 8, 2011.

1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned liquid baby formula? If so, what percentage of your liquid formula still contains BPA?
2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of powdered baby formula? If so, what percentage of your powdered formula still contains BPA?
3. What percentage of your company's infant formula sales are composed of liquid formula?
4. Does your company currently use BPA in packaging for baby and toddler food? If so, what percentage of your company's baby food contains BPA? What percentage of your company's toddler food contains BPA?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Avenel Joseph of my staff at 202-225-2836.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey

cc: Paul B. Manning, CEO, PBM Holding

¹ <http://www.thekrogerco.com/documents/Kroger%20Information%20on%20BPA.pdf>

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 30, 2011

Miles White
Chairman and CEO
Abbott Nutrition
901 Centerville Rd
Sturgis, Michigan 49091


Dear Mr. White:

Historically, epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastic coatings made with the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) have been used in the lining of metal food and beverage containers, including cans of infant formula. Recently, there has been increase in public concern about the health impacts that exposure to BPA may have, particularly for infants and young children, if BPA were to leach from the packaging material and be consumed. As a result of this concern, major manufacturers of baby bottles and sippy cups have completely abandoned the use of BPA in manufacturing these infant and children products. Recently, your company has made public statements demonstrating a similar shift away from the use of BPA in the lining of canned infant formulas.¹ I applaud your company's leadership in announcing such a shift. To better understand and clarify the nature of this manufacturing change, I respectfully request that you respond to the following questions no later than close of business on December 8, 2011.

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3. What percentage of your company's infant formula sales are composed of liquid formula?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Avenel Joseph of my staff at 202-225-2836.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey

¹ See <http://abbottnutrition.com/news/pressReleaseDetail.aspx?ContentTitle=abbott-leads-by-achieving-bpa-free-status-for-its-infant-formulas&year=2011>

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 30, 2011

Maryland Knox
CEO, Nestlé Nutrition North America
Gerber Products Company
12 Vreeland Rd.
Florham Park, NJ 07932,

Dear Ms. Knox:

Historically, epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastic coatings made with the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) have been used in the lining of metal food and beverage containers, including cans of infant formula. Recently, there has been increase in public concern about the health impacts that exposure to BPA may have, particularly for infants and young children, if BPA were to leach from the packaging material and be consumed. As a result of this concern, major manufacturers of baby bottles and sippy cups have completely abandoned the use of BPA in manufacturing these infant and children products. Recently, your company has made public statements demonstrating a similar shift away from the use of BPA in the lining of canned infant formulas.¹ I applaud your company's leadership in announcing such a shift. To better understand and clarify the nature of this manufacturing change, I respectfully request that you respond to the following questions no later than close of business on December 8, 2011.

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4. Does your company currently use BPA in packaging for baby and toddler food? If so, what percentage of your company's baby food contains BPA? What percentage of your company's toddler food contains BPA?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Avenel Joseph of my staff at 202-225-2836.

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Edward J. Markey

¹ See <http://news.gerber.com/pr/gerber/bpa-insight-and-faq-s-158818.aspx>